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CENTURY CITIZEN HONORED

Madge Low was honored on her 103rd birthday with a party in the Madison County Nursing Home in Ennis. At the party, Leo Ellingson, Director of the Montana Centennial, presented her with a "Century Citizen" Certificate signed by Governor Stan Stephens. In a letter to Mrs. Low, which was read by Ellingson, Governor Stephens said:

> As we begin to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Montana's admission to statehood, we are reminded of the many changes that have occurred during those years. You have experienced that dynamic history and sustained the spirit which is fulfilling this state's destiny. Therefore, it is my pleasure to designate you an official *Century Citizen.*
>
> As a token of our appreciation and admiration, I am forwarding to you a deed symbolizing your investment in "The Last of What is Best in America" and placing your name on a Century Citizen Honor Roll to be maintained in the permanent records of the state. The deed is presented courtesy of US West of Montana, sponsor of a special Centennial project honoring you and other Montanans whose lives span that of the state.
>
> We have much to learn from and about our eldest citizens and, with your permission, local school students may be contacting you for an interview.
>
> Please accept my best wishes and congratulations for the contributions you have made to your community and to our state.

Leo Ellingson presents a Century Citizen Certificate to Madge Low at her 103rd birthday party.

Madge Marshall, youngest daughter of Jack and Margaret Marshall, was born on the family ranch. There were six girls and seven boys in the family.

Her grandfather, Bob Dempsey, was one of the first white men in the area. A mountain man, he came into the Deer Lodge Valley in 1853. He was there during the time of the vigilantes, and erected a toll bridge on the Ruby River.

Madge was married when quite young to Jack Connors. She and her sister Cora were waiting tables at the Karsarg Mine, which was located in the Sheridan, Montana area, when she met Jack. He worked there and in the Butte mines for a time and then homesteaded in the Madison. They had two sons, Marshall and Roy. They moved to California, and Marshall and Jack worked in mines there for a time.

Jack died of miner's consumption. Madge married another California miner, John Utter. After Utter's death, Madge married Victor Low. They made their home in Long Beach, California.

After his death, Madge came back to Montana to live with her brothers Jim and Frank. After a fall at the ranch home, she went to live at the Ennis Nursing Home. Her brother, Jim still resides in Twin Bridges.

Madge has had many interesting stories to tell of her childhood and young adulthood. She has a great sense of humor and is always joshing with someone.

The first grade class of Ennis Elementary School, taught by Deanna Warwick, sang several songs for Madge's 103rd birthday celebration, including "My Home is Montana" and "Montana."

There have been over 300 Century Citizens placed on the honor roll so far this Centennial year.

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The tremendous response of the people of Montana to the Centennial continues to be most evident by the fact there is not a day in June without at least one Centennial event. This pace is expected to be even faster in July as many, many communities are combining Centennial celebrations with the annual Fourth of July celebrations. There are about 40 such activities scheduled for Independence Day. Other communities have demonstrated a fine spirit of cooperation by avoiding Independence Day when scheduling their July Centennial events. I certainly advise you to look over the July schedule of Centennial events as printed elsewhere in this issue of the '89er. It will gladden your heart just to realize how proud Montanans all over the state are expressing their love for the state in numerous ways.

Many communities in Montana are combining their Centennial celebrations with school reunions. It takes a lot of planning and preparations to stage a successful school reunion, but the results are worth the effort. Many people have a great time renewing old acquaintances and reminiscing over bygone days. A lot of people who left Montana after graduation return for these occasions, and quite regularly report they wish they would have stayed here.

It seems to me the whole thing centers around involvement. The Montana Centennial is a success simply because a lot of people are getting involved, and strange as it may seem, the people who enjoy it the most are the people who do most of the work. There's an old saying, if you want a difficult job done well, give it to the busiest people in town. The people of Montana cities and towns have a long history of community involvement, so it seems natural for them to get involved in the Centennial. And when it is all over, they will be the people who enjoyed it the most.

Congratulations, Montanans.

Allen C. Kolstad

Lt. Governor Allen C. Kolstad
Chairman, Centennial Commission

Letter to the Editor

Dear Sirs:

In the May issue of the *Eighty-Niner*, I believe there are some mistakes in the article "Not Many Have Been to Gopher." On the 1925, 1948, and 1976 maps I have, Quietus is in Big Horn County, not Powder River County.

Elloam in Blaine, on my map is spelled Eloam.

Ynot is in Phillips County, not Hill County.

Sollid is in Pondera County, not Toole County.

Hazny is in Garfield County, not Valley County.

I did not find Tueson or Cabin City.

Also, 15 of the 20 had post offices:

Iron Rod, 1869–1872 & 1876–1882
Gopher, 1917–33
Ynot, 1917–31
Quietus, 1917–60
Korner, 1921–38
Beehive, 1910–53
Spion Kop, 1906–09 & 1909–33
Sollid, 1909–17
Fattig, 1903–16
Truely, 1884–1905
Elloam, 1916–35
Rattlesnake, 1917–32
Twete, 1910–29
Hopsonville, 1915–25

Sincerely,
Marvin A. Balzer
Worden, MT

EDITOR'S NOTE

It is our hope for the next few months, to publish the *Montana '89er* on a monthly basis. In order to do this, we will need copy from all over Montana concerning sanctioned Centennial events and projects. Well-written, brief stories will be appreciated. High quality black and white photographs will also be welcome. Of course, we must reserve the right to edit according to space limitations.

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STUDENTS TO PRODUCE CENTENNIAL ART

A new Centennial project will involve children in every Montana school producing art this spring that relates to Charlie Russell and his times.

Each participating school will have an exhibit of its students' artwork and select up to six of the works for inclusion in a final exhibit that will travel the state for display in conjunction with major Centennial events during the summer and fall.

The project is named the "Charlie Russell Centennial Art Trail."

If every Montana school participates, the final touring exhibit could contain as many as 2,500 works by students in kindergarten through college.

The first statewide student exhibit will open in Great Falls July 22–28.

A week prior to the Great Falls event, about 100 authentically costumed Native Americans, representing the state's Indian tribes, and 300 authentically outfitted cowboys will make a cross-country trail ride from Russell's first Montana home, near Utica, to Great Falls. The riders will arrive in Great Falls in time to lead the official Centennial parade July 22.

The art exhibit will appear in Billings during the Centennial cattle drive in September, and in Helena during the week of November 8, the actual 100th anniversary of statehood.

Organizers hope to arrange for the exhibit to appear in Washington, D. C. around Christmas, since the national Christmas tree this year will come from Montana.

GLACIER GALLERY

As a Centennial project, Glacier Gallery in Kalispell is displaying a collection of representational art by Montana artists, principally deceased, including paintings by Charles Russell, Olaf Seltzer, E.S. Paxson, Joseph Henry Sharp, Will James, and many others.

Complimenting this exhibit will be Indian artifacts representational of Montana tribes, and books written and illustrated by Montana writers and artists.

There will be no admission charged. The show opened March 1 and will continue through the end of 1989. The exhibit will run in conjunction with "openings" of regional artists painting in the Flathead area. Contemporary works will be for sale.

"PRIDE OF POPLAR" TO BE RESTORED

An ambitious group called the Poplar Housing Authority has undertaken a project to restore the "Pride of Poplar" ferry boat.

The final voyage of the ferry boat was made in June 1969, when the Roosevelt County lo-boy hauled her up from dry dock to her final resting place inside the Poplar Museum yard. She was one of the last ferry boats on the Missouri River, descended from a long line of predecessors. Her maiden voyage was in 1949 and she ran strong until 1968 when Poplar Bridge spanned the Missouri River. The ferry was purchased by the Poplar Chamber of Commerce (later put into the Poplar Ferry Association) and it served three counties. Sailing faithfully across the Missouri an average of 376 crossings each month, the "Pride" ran during the day, from April through November. A husband and wife couple operated the boat the last few years and the "Pride" can boast that she was unique in that sometimes she broke water with a woman at her helm.

The distance between Poplar and the South Side was shortened because of the ferry; many today can't appreciate the dramatic role the boat played in history. To cattlemen during calving season, with a north storm threatening, she meant the difference between livelihood and disaster. To people who were sick, she meant hope and sometimes life. The "Pride of Poplar" was exactly what her name implied. She served well.

Time and adverse weather have taken a toll on the ferry. Its deteriorating condition has become evident, and steps need to be taken now to preserve the ferry and its history for future generations. Once the ferry is restored, it will be displayed proudly in the Poplar Museum yard, with free admission to the public.

There have been several offers to buy the ferry boat (one offer to buy her and move her to New York state), but she is not for sale. The "Pride" is a vital part of Poplar history and should be part of the Montana State Centennial commemoration. The "Pride" symbolizes the bygone days of the Missouri River boats that were once a familiar mode of transportation. People of Poplar believe the "Pride" is the only one of its kind that is still in existence, and is on public display in Montana.

FLATHEAD VALLEY TO CELEBRATE WITH CAKE

A 100-ft Centennial birthday cake will be cut and served in Gateway West Mall in Kalispell July 1. The cake will have scenes of the history of the Flathead Valley including such things as the steam boat era, the arrival of the railroad, Going-to-the-Sun Highway, Hungry Horse Dam, and Glacier Park Airport.

There will be a celebrity on hand to cut and serve the cake at $1 per piece, and the money will be donated to the United Way. A Valley Centenarian will be served the first piece of cake.

Woman's Week Book Published

The Montana Extension Homemakers' Council of Montana State University is publishing a Montana Centennial book commemorating 25 years of Woman's Week. Authors of the book are Vivienne Kintz, Elaine Schlenker and Torlief Aasheim.

Vivienne Kintz

Vivienne Kintz was the Homemaker Program Leader at Montana State University 18 years ago when the Extension Service felt there was a need to expand the service to meet the need of all the women of Montana, rather than just the members of the Home Demonstration Clubs, as they were called at that time. There was also recognition of a need for a statewide event. Out of this need came the idea of Montana Woman's Week.

For a week each year women from all over Montana gather on the MSU campus for instruction in such subjects as communications, leadership development, English literature, Montana history, and poetry.

Kintz said they were surprised when women came who had never been far from home before. She said there were quite a few Indian women who came, and these women brought a slogan, "The F.B.I. is here." "F.B.I." meaning "full-blooded Indian." Several of these women earned the certificate that is given for four years attendance at Woman's Week.

Over 8000 women have attended the program during the 25 years. There are five women in Montana who have attended all 25 years.

In talking about her experiences, Kintz expressed gratitude for the marvelous cooperation the program has received from the MSU campus.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I have just returned from the six-state quarterly Centennial Conference, which is a meeting of the Centennial Directors of all six states which are observing Centennials this year.

I am very pleased to report Montana's Centennial compares favorably with the other states. We certainly are near the top in percentage of population participation. Other state directors were surprised to see how community after community in Montana is going ahead with Centennial projects. In Montana the Centennial has truly become a grass-roots movement.

The other states observing Centennials also have excellent programs. Because they have larger budgets, they are able to plan and present extravaganzas that will be outstanding and certain to draw large crowds. The whole six-state area should benefit form a tremendous tourist year because of the special attraction of the Centennial events. Based on the flood of inquiries our office receives daily, there's no doubt that a tremendous number of people are planning to visit Montana this year. This will be an exceptional summer for tourism.

We are distributing 100,000 copies of our new official products catalog, and we have our final updated calendar ready.

At this time the Centennial Wagon Train is rolling its way across Montana. The wagon train, organized by Montana Draft Horse and Mule Association, consists of 78 authentic wagons (pneumatic tires are not allowed), is powered by 300 horses and draft mules and will be accompanied by 300 people.

"We have parades and all sorts of events in the communities along our route and at our overnight campsites," said Marlene Teague, secretary-treasurer of the Draft Horse Association, "and the public is welcome."

ESPN television will broadcast a one-hour documentary about the wagon train on July 17 at 7 p.m., according to Teague.

The wagon train has visited Bannack, Dillon, Virginia City, Ennis, Pony, Willow Creek, and Boulder. Still scheduled are Jefferson City–July 1, Montana City–July 2, and Helena–July 3–4.

I encourage everyone to participate in a Centennial event—they are yours to enjoy!

Leo D. Ellingson

Leo Ellingson
Centennial Director

AT&T Presents Check: Representatives of AT&T present a check for $1000 to Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad to help promote the Montana Centennial. Pictured left to right: Bill Woods, AT&T vice president of the Western Region External Affairs; Bob Little, AT&T district manager, Idaho and Montana; Lt. Governor Kolstad; Rob Ferris, sales manager; and Leo Ellingson, Centennial Director.

JUNE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION MEETING

Centennial momentum continues to increase, as evidenced by the 173 new applications for official sanctioning which were approved by the Montana Statehood Centennial Commission at its June 9, 1989 meeting in Helena.

The Commissioners heard reports on the status of Centennial projects, both in and out of state. Director Leo D. Ellingson reported on the highly successful performances given by the Republic of China acrobats form the China Folk Arts Training Center in Taiwan. These performances, the first in Lewistown on June 5, the second in Great Falls on June 6, were offered to the people of Montana as a special 100th birthday present from the Republic of China. The performances were spectacular, Ellingson said.

The republic of China government was so pleased by the reception of the acrobatic troupe that it offered two more Centennial performances by a different troupe, a Chinese folk art group, which will take place in Billings and Helena, August 13–14.

Ellingson also reported on the June 1 dedication ceremony for Montana's Centennial Highway 89. The dedication took place beneath Roosevelt Arch entrance to Yellowstone National Park in Gardiner. More than 300 persons attended as Phil White Hawk of Ringling performed a ritual sweet grass purification of the highway. State Senator Peter R. Story (41st District) also attended.

Centennial Highway 89, originally proposed to the Centennial Commission by the Ringling Women's Club, winds through 24 Montana towns on its 402-mile north-south journey. The scenic route will be marked with special red, white, and blue highway signs.

Ellingson also attended a luncheon with Missoula officials, during which he presented a letter from the Governor and a sanction designating the Missoula County High School Band as the Montana Centennial's Official Representative at the 1990 Rose Bowl Parade.

Public Affairs Coordinator Doug Giebel gave an account of the June 4 Montana Centennial Picnic in New York's Central Park. Approximately 500 displaced Montanans attended the event, where they ate good Montana-style food and listened to Montana entertainers. Thirty members of the Dillon Junior Fiddlers were on hand, courtesy of Norwest Airlink, the Official Airline of the Montana Centennial, and other benefactors.

Sanctioning Director Brian Patrick showed samples of some of the new Centennial products submitted before the April 15 product sanctioning deadline. The Pen Corner in Bozeman will be offering an engraved, serialized Parker duofold Fountain Pen bearing the official Centennial logo. The pen, the top of the Parker line, comes in a mahogany presentation case, and only 1000 will be produced.

Patrick also reported that sales of Centennial products, as evidenced by royalties paid to the office, are increasing at an impressive rate. The new catalog is also available, and more than 40,000 copies have been distributed, The updated Centennial calendar of events is also available.

The Centennial float has been out on the road, driven by Mark Copenhaver, float coordinator, who was introduced at the meeting. Mr. Copenhaver, from Rudyard, Montana, will be piloting the float in about 40 Montana Centennial parades and events this summer. There are still some vacancies in the float schedule, reported Copenhaver, and he would like to hear from communities that would like to have the float appear as a part of their festivities.

The float was well received on its first outings, first in East Glacier and West Glacier. Copenhaver now refers to himself as "the float valet."

The Consul General of Israel, Harry Kney-Tal, visited the Centennial office on May 22. During the visit with Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad, Kney-Tal was presented with a Centennial belt buckle.

Pictured left to right: Leo Ellingson, Centennial Director, Dr. Barry Ferst, assoc. professor of Philosophy at Carroll College, Harry Kney-Tal, the Consul General, and Lt. Gov. Allen Kolstad.

MONTANA CENTENNIAL REGATTA

The Montana Centennial Regatta is scheduled for July 28–30 at Whitefish. The Whitefish Lake Boat Club and Regatta Association has been sponsoring power boat regattas on Whitefish Lake at the Whitefish beach since 1936. Last year, 1988, was the 50th annual regatta, with only two years missing during World War II due to gas rationing. The 50 year celebration included bringing back and having a banquet with and for the pioneer boat racers in Montana. There were 142 in attendance for a nice banquet.

The Regatta, dedicated to the Centennial, brings racers from all over the northwestern United States and three western Canadian provinces.

In addition to the power boat racing itself, held at the City Beach, the Queen of the Waters will be crowned. There will be a downtown parade including floats and the power boats that are competing. There will be an awards presentation for the winners at the end of each day of competition. It will be a three-day event with the parade and crowning of the queen on Friday, followed by a street dance, power boat racing on Saturday, followed by an award ceremony at a local establishment. There will be power boat racing again on Sunday, followed by another awards ceremony at another establishment before the racers head home.

COMMUNITY CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

BUTTE • Butte Silver Bow Arts Foundation has a unique Centennial exhibition. It is **a collection of over 6,000 commemorative badges** belonging to Father Edward Courtney of Butte. The badges represent organizations, election campaigns and other events of importance which occurred from the 1800s until the present. They are representative of not only Montana but other parts of the United States. The exhibit will be displayed during July and August of 1989 at the C. W. Clark Mansion, the Arts Chateau in Butte.

The oldest of the badges date from the end of the last century. The exhibit will be enhanced by a display of election posters, of deceased candidates, and other memorabilia appropriate for the display. This educational exhibit will be viewed by thousands of summer visitors to the area. Also on display as part of the Arts Chateau's permanent exhibit is the Period Museum.

The Arts Chateau is the only publicly owned arts facility of its kind in southwestern Montana. The turn-of-the-century mansion was built by Charles Walter Clark, son of the Copper King W. A. Clark, and his wife, Katherine in 1898. The French-style building was completed in 1901. The building was purchased in 1977 by a volunteer group and deeded over to the city to serve as the county's arts center. The twenty-six room mansion is decorated with beautiful woods from around the world, stained glass windows, and craftsmanship unequaled today. Two galleries house traveling exhibits. A $1 donation is requested at the door of the Arts Chateau. Summer hours: open 10 am until 6 pm Tuesday through Saturday; noon until 5 pm Sunday; closed Monday. (Hours effective Memorial Day until Labor Day).

CARBON COUNTY • As a sanctioned Centennial project, the Carbon County Museum at Red Lodge is preparing **an educational historical exhibit depicting Red Lodge in 1889**. It will be displayed permanently in the museum.

The exhibit will consist of six to twelve photographs of Red Lodge in 1889 and captions that will capture the spirit of the fledgling, five-year-old town of that year. Some of the themes for the photos will include coal mining, the railroad, Crow Indians, ranchers and other early settlers, schools, and politics.

The display will be completed by July 1, and will coincide with the influx of summer tourists and with the staging of three registered Centennial events scheduled to be held in Red Lodge in early July: the Mountain Man Rendezvous, the Home of Champions Rodeo, and the Can-Can Revival.

The exhibit will serve the 6,000 people who visit the Carbon County Museum annually.

DRUMMOND • The Drummond **Centennial Celebration** will be held Saturday and Sunday, July 8 and 9. On Saturday, July 8, starting at 3 p.m., there will be a bathing suit contest, skits, pony express ride, kiddies parade and street dance. On Sunday, July 9 there will be a rodeo parade at 12 noon, followed by the American Legion rodeo at 1:30 pm.

FALLON • Perhaps the diversity of Centennial observance in Montana can be demonstrated by a project being carried out in Fallon, Montana by the Prairie County Extension Homemakers Clubs. These clubs have embarked on a project to **renovate and relocate an old cowboy bandstand.** They will also attempt to make people aware of the bandstand, educate the public to its importance in the culture of the early 1900s, and involve members and families of Prairie County Homemaker Clubs in the project.

The Cowboy Band is famous in this eastern Montana area for the many people they entertained in the early 1900s. Their biggest trip and engagement, talked of still, was the time the Band traveled to South Dakota and played for President Theodore Roosevelt.

This band had a bandstand from which they performed in Terry, their hometown.

The bandstand has been abandoned, unused and unkept for many years, and is now sitting at the Prairie County Fair Grounds. The Prairie County Extension Homemakers Clubs (there are seven clubs involved) have voted to renovate, move, and renew memories with this project. Next they plan, with the town of Terry and the County Commissioners, to select an appropriate location in Terry for the bandstand. Finally, the bandstand will be relocated and dedicated.

Clubs taking part in this activity are made up of members (about 70) from all corners of the county. Thus, involving these members and their families will make the project a county project, drawing community members together as they work together.

FERGUS COUNTY • The Fergus County '89ers are offering **tours of various attractions** in the Fergus County area, July 1–15.

The first tour will be July 1–3 of Lewistown Centennial Sites, including buildings and Ft. Maginnis.

The second tour, July 5–7, will be of Judith Peak, Big Springs, and will include three gold mines.

The third tour, July 7–8, will be of the Maiden townsite area.

The last tour will be July 10–15 and will include Ft. Maginnis; Graveyard; the Gilt Edge area; Calamity Jane's home; "Moonshine Place"; Hanging Tree; Buffalo Jump; Father DeSmet homesteads, and others.

For all out-of-town tours, pack your own lunch. Transportation will not be furnished. You'll see ghost towns and learn much history of the areas. There are lots of miles involved.

GALLATIN COUNTY • Gallatin County's biggest Centennial event will be the **Lewis and Clark Pageant**, an outdoor drama with a cast of approximately 150, including many Native Americans, who will re-enact the episodes of the 1805–06 Expedition.

The Pageant site will be the Missouri River Headwaters State Park, near Three Forks, Montana. Dates for the four

performances are: Saturday, July 22 and July 29 at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, July 23 and July 30 at 3:00 p.m.

This 90-minute production will have scenes with horses and boats, in the re-enactment of: the capture of Sacajawea, President Jefferson and Meriwether Lewis at the White House, winter at Fort Mandan, the discovery of the Missouri headwaters, the junction of the Yellowstone and the Missouri rivers, the parting of Sacajawea at Fort Mandan, and more.

The Pageant is co-sponsored by the Gallatin County Historical Society and the Three Forks Area Historical Society. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is cooperating with the Pageant Committee in this historic, entertaining and educational event. A Centennial grant, money from the sale of Centennial license plates, was awarded to the Pageant by the Gallatin County Commissioners.

This pantomine drama takes place on the banks of the Missouri River and the audience is seated on the hillside on benches, where all can see and hear. Some folding chairs will be available for senior citizens; an umbrella may come in handy if the day is hot and sunny. Shuttle buses will be provided for those wishing a ride from the parking lot to the Pageant site. Anyone wishing to take part, should contact the Director, Sharon Dickman, 285-6707.

HALL SCHOOL • The Hall School is planning a Centennial Celebration in the form of **an all-school reunion** of the classes of 1891 to 1989. The celebration is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 15 and 16. The Hall Elementary School is about 8 miles south of Drummond, Montana. In spite of the fact that it is a rural school, it has been in operation for 98 years, and nearly 600 letters have gone out to graduates. Former students are welcome, as well as all other interested persons.

It is mostly a social gathering at which memories will be renewed, but there are some planned activities, such as a barbeque beef dinner, photo sessions, a pageant, a dance, and hay rides. Sunday there will be a church service, an old fashioned picnic, and games. A memory book is being prepared.

MISSOULA • The fourteenth annual Fourth of July celebration will be held at the historical museum at Fort Missoula. At South Gate Mall there will be old time fireworks, the "1812 Overture", live cannon, Battery A light artillery, a cavalry charge, and the Missoula City Band playing Centennial music.

Throughout July there will be historic window displays in downtown Missoula. July 14–15 the Hellgate Rendezvous Arts and Crafts Fair will be at the County Court House lawn.

July 15th there will be the Western Montana Centennial Parade and Hellgate Centennial Jubilee. The parade of exciting entries will head from the UM campus to the north end of Higgins Ave., beginning at 10 a.m. The Montana Centennial Commission float will be in the parade. There will be displays and performances throughout the afternoon.

MISSOULA • Much progress has been made towards the August 11–13 **Centennial Pow Wow** to be held in Missoula at St. Joseph's School Auditorium, 430 West Pine.

The encampment has been awarded a Missoula County Centennial Grant of $2500 and a $500 pledge from the Southgate Mall. Further support has come from the Missoula City Council in the form of Resolution #4876, expressing the city's support and urging the entire community to do likewise. Support has also come from the Forest Service which is looking into a possible Smoke Jumper Fly-In, as well as providing help with security rangers, tipi poles, and water trucks. The committee is very active in its search for necessary funds; they recently completed a major mail campaign. They still need volunteers in many areas and it is hoped the upcoming auction will attract significant volunteers and contributors. Funds raised are earmarked to defray the costs of security, sanitation, and prize money.

Since a gathering of this nature has not happened in over one hundred fifty years, the Pow Wow and Encampment is receiving national attention. Feature articles are scheduled to appear in Spring/Summer issues of the following magazines: *American West, Native Peoples, Northwest, Montana Magazine, Outdoor and Travel Photography, Montana Motorist, Modern Maturity, Motorhome, Conde Nast's Traveler,* and *Endless Vacation.* It is hoped that there will be other articles in some of the over 50 publications contacted about the Pow Wow.

"The response from our community for this event has been terrific," comments Event Chairman Chris Roberts. "We are extremely encouraged by the interest shown by the national press and the letters and calls from all over the country. What we need now are both the people and the finances or in-kind contributions to help us overcome various hurdles. We want to guarantee that the visitors attending will be treated to the *best* Missoula can offer. They are coming, so let's roll out the carpet and give them something to remember."

People interested in donating items to the auction are encouraged to contact the committee via Chris Roberts, 728-2180, or Dick Vick, 728-8446. Other information may also be obtained in this way. The committee meets Mondays, 7:15 pm, at the First Baptist Church at 308 West Pine in Missoula and the public is welcome.

RED LODGE • The Auh-Tah-Kwoi Performing Arts Ensemble, a Centennial Project licensed by the Montana Centennial Commission, presents for the **Centennial Rendezvous** in Red Lodge, "Piye: The Legend of Star Boy," a Native American dance/drama depicting how the Blackfeet received sacred tribal ceremonies. Scripts were developed from interviews with elders at Browning and the material to be presented to audiences this year has never before been shown to the public. The production began with an educational grant from the Montana Arts Council and Target Stores and is presented by the Montana United Scholarship Service, an all Indian non-profit educational corporation in

existence since 1970. Most of the ensemble members are involved in the Montana Indian Teacher Training Program at the College of Great Falls. Music is by the Kicking Woman Singers of Browning and the direction and choreography is by Rosalie M. Jones of Daystar Productions. The production is Saturday, July 1 at 2:00 pm.

Two cavalry units and one artillery unit will be attending the Centennial Mountain Man Rendezvous this summer.

The Montana Memorial Detachment, 7th Cavalry, Co. K, with members form Billings, Laurel and Joliet will attend July 1–9 with the following daily schedule:

10:30 Drills and Training
1–2:30 Open Camp, Demonstrations
2:30 Drills and Training

Army of the United States, 7th Cavalry, Co. M

Army of the United States, Battery A, 1st Montana Light Artillery

Both of these units are from Hamilton, Montana and will attend July 6–9 with the following daily schedule:

11–12 noon Cavalry Drills and Artillery Demonstrations
12 noon–3 Open Camp
3–4:30 Cavalry Drills and Artillery Demonstrations

The Nighthawk Singers, a Crow Indian pow wow drum group from Lodge Grass, will be singing traditional Crow music at the Centennial Rendezvous in Red Lodge, July 8 at 2 p.m. Indian dancers will also be present to celebrate Montana's birthday.

The Rendezvous will also fly the flags of all the tribes and foreign powers that have claimed Montana soil. Other flags of fur trading companies and various historic colors will also be present.

Decendents of Touissant Charbonneau, the husband of Sacajawea, will be present at the opening ceremonies at 11 a.m. on July 1.

WINNETT • The Montana Centennial celebration in Petroleum County and Winnett is well underway with Mayor Burt Bevis receiving word from the National Arbor Day Foundation that the Town of Winnett has met all requirements and has been designated a "Tree City, USA."

Mayor Bevis proclaimed April 26, 1989 Arbor Day in Winnett and LuAnn Knutson, member of the Town Council, and Tree Board Chairman, received a plaque, a flag and road signs designating Winnett as "Tree City, USA," presented by John Walkowiak, State Forester.

Then during a downpouring of rain, four new trees were planted in the George D. Ore Memorial Park, and eight new trees at the football field.

The Winnett Cemetery also went into a tree planting program with Caretaker Tommy Wangseng in charge and Mrs. Wangseng and Earl Brady as assistants. A total of 83 lilac bushes, shade and landscape trees were planted.

Winnett Elementary School participated in a Centennial program. Each classroom had a separate program, with parents participating.

The Town of Winnett is encouraging a "Clean Up, Trim Up and Haul Off all those unwanted eyesores."

All events are preparatory to the major celebration which will be held July 15 and 16 when the seventh all-class reunion of Winnett High School graduates will be held. Winnett High School opened in 1919. The reunion organization was formed in 1954 and the reunion is held every 5 years. There will be a reunion meeting, parade, banquet, picnics, special breakfasts, one and three mile Centennial runs, two dance bands in separate locations. Advanced registrations indicate that more than 1000 graduates and others will be in attendance at the Centennial Reunion.

A fund drive is underway to raise $1500 for a fireworks display during the Reunion.

The Petroleum County history book is a project being sponsored by the Petroleum County Library Board. The official Montana Centennial logo and the state seal will be used on the preface page of the history book. The plan is to have the book delivered in time for the reunion of the graduates.

The Centennial logo will also appear on the Winnett schools' diplomas and the graduation programs.

Three Centennial projects will be held in the former D & E Cash Store building: The Winnett Quilting Club will have a quilt display; a committee is working on a Winnett High School All-Class Reunion antique museum; and an adult art class at WHS may have an art display.

An Old Timers" Reunion is being promoted to be held July 13 and 14, two days before the WHS reunion, at the old Joe Bagwell place on the west side of the Musselshell River at Mosby on Highway 200. The Old Timers' Reunion is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Duane Ostermiller of Billings and Mr. and Mrs. Mick Dundom. Mrs. Ostermiller is the former Joann Dundom, a graduate of Winnett High School.

Here's what you'll get and what you will bring to the Old Timers' Reunion: Come for four days (including July 15 WHS Reunion) of fun; renewing old friendships; seeing old pic-

tures you didn't know existed; playing games, tricks; talking, telling lies, truths, stories, tales; dancing. All those attending will chip in with food, cooking, cleaning up.

Important! There are no facilities at the Old Timers' site, except toilets. So, bring everything you need to rough it! Bring food, chairs, crafts, tables, campers. Bring the cook, skillets, games, drinks, ice cream freezers and ice. Bring all the old folks. Bring tents, hammocks. If you play music, we need you. Bring wash tubs, big pots and pans, water, tarps, ropes. Don't bring the dog. Bring help. Need a dance caller.

SWEETHEARTS IN CAN-CAN REVIVAL

The Cattle Drive Sweethearts from Sidney, Montana will be participating in the Montana Centennial Can-Can Revival in Red Lodge. The Sweethearts are among the seven other dancing groups participating in the Can-Can Revival.

The Sweethearts were organized to help promote the Cattle Drive. They have performed their skits and dances for many organizations in the community, to help raise funds for the Montana Educational Scholarship in 1989.

The July 8th Saturday night Centennial Extravaganza will be a celebration of our western heritage, depicting the joys and trials of the men and women of the 1800s. Dancers from all over Montana, and as far away as California, Virginia, and Kansas, are registered and will bring excitement and color to the stage with their costumes and enthusiasm.

The Revival is sponsored in part by a grant from the Montana Statehood Centennial office and the Red Lodge Grizzly Peak-A-Boos. The Peak-A-Boos are a non-profit dancing group that travels across the State performing a Centennial show. Monies raised through the Revival and the sale of a Centennial garter, will go towards a scholarship fund for a Montana student.

The Peak-A-Boos encourage people who love to dance to participate in this historic event. The spots for groups have been filled, but individual participation is encouraged. If you love to dance, this is your ticket to participate in a Centennial activity.

For more information on the Can-Can Revival, write P.O. Box 934, Red Lodge, MT 59068, or call 446-3132 or 446-3141.

FERGUS COUNTY VIDEO

The activities of the Fergus County '89ers are gaining recognition beyond the borders of Montana. Mr. Chan Biggs had a phone call from Mr. Charles Terry of Wichita Falls, Texas requesting a copy of the video tape that Mr. Biggs prepared for the '89ers. Mr. Terry said he had read about it in the *News Argus* of Lewistown, in one of the articles by the '89ers, and that some fellow Texans wanted to know more about Fergus County.

The Fergus County '89ers can't think of a better advertisement for the area than their tape. The narrative explains the county and its history. It touches on the Lewis and Clark expedition, the Charlie Russell National Wildlife Refuge, Charlie Russell country, the Metiz, the stone masons, Big Spring, which produces 63,000 gallons of 99.9% pure water per minute, Chief Joseph's retreat through the area, the Carroll trail, the gold and cattle industries, and the outstanding wild and scenic river along the Missouri Breaks.

CATTLE, HERITAGE OF THE GALLATIN

"Cattle, Heritage of the Gallatin" is the title of a Centennial project of the Gallatin County Centennial Committee. Sculptor Jim Dolan has been commissioned to complete an existing sculpture of Nelson Story on Horseback by adding three metal steers to the arrangement. The sculpture is a lasting legacy of one of the major contributing developmental forces in the area.

The sculpture stands at the entrance to Lindley Park on the east end of Bozeman and will be enjoyed by tourists and residents alike.

A 350 ft. letter containing Madison County and Montana history was presented to the state by the fifth and sixth grade students of Twin Bridges, Harrison and Alder schools. All the students had a part in preparing the long letter. Pictured at the presentation, left to right: Ann Allen, teacher; Gov. Stan Stephens; Jeff Giles; Lt. Gov. Allen Kolstad; Brandy Miotke and Wade Brackett.

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1-8/28	Butte	Arts Chateau Show	723-7600
1	Lewistown	Horse Show	538-5292
1-4	Lewistown	Centennial Events	538-5292
1	Utica	Parade & Play Celebration "Recalling Memories"	566-2272
1	Windham	Dance & Box Social	566-2272
1-4	St. Regis	Centennial Celebration	649-2654
1	Virginia City	Pony Express Ride	843-5341
1-4	Forsyth	Celebration	356-7301
1-4	Butte	Celebration	494-4069
1	Evaro	Mule Palace Concert	
1-2	Polson	Sail Boat Race	883-9454
1	Windham	Evening Dance & Box Social	566-2272
1	Baker	Fifties Dance, American Legion Club	778-3336
1	Arlee	National Mule Marathon & Concert	726-3828
1	Choteau	Demolition Derby, Teton County Days	466-2849
1	Plains	Celebration	826-3605
1-2	Baker	Custer County Celebration/ Antique Vehicles/Show	778-3336
1-2	Bridger	Pony Express Ride, 190 Mile Cody, WY-Livingston, MT	662-3387
1-2	Superior	Great Mullan Road Trek	822-4516
1-2	St. Regis	Softball Tournament, Golf Shoot, Farm Machinery Exhibit	649-2654
1-2	Lewistown	Fergus Co. Pageant; Parade, Cent. Celebration	538-5292
1-2	Red Lodge	Home of Champions Rodeo	446-2300
1-2	Laurel	Cent. Days Celebration	628-8105
1-2	Joliet	All Class Reunion	962-3790
1-4	White Sulpher Springs	Meagher Co Celebration, Gun Show, Music, Parade	547-3960
1-4	Choteau	Celebration	466-2849
1-8	Havre	Cent. Historical Bus Tour	265-4383
1-9	Red Lodge	Rendezvous	446-1119
1-2	Chester	Liberty Co. Cent Celebration	292-3524
1	Baker	Cent. Pageant & Dance	778-3336
1	Bannack	All Girl Pony Express Ride to Virginia City	683-5511
1-2	Baker	Antique Show/Auction	778-2354
2	Plentywood	Raymond Reunion	765-1370
2	Stanford	Centennial Events	566-2272
2	Baker	Fallon County Days	778-3336
2	Polson	Players Season Opens	883-9454
2	Plentywood	Raymond Diamond Jubilee	765-1370
2	Baker	Plevna Peach Luth. Jubilee	778-3336
2-8	Helena	All-Nations Pow-Wow	443-5351
2-9	Chinook	Chinook Cent. Celebration	357-2529
2-29	Hamilton	100 Years of Porcelain Exh.	363-5067
2	Stanford	Breakfast, Sunrise Church Ser., Celebration	566-2272
2	Havre	Class of '49, Sunday in the Park	265-4383
3-4	Miles City	Free Somerfest	232-2890
3	Bainville	Bainville Community Club	769-2404
3	Butte	Beard Contest; Dixieland Jazz Festival	782-7619
3-4	Ennis	Rodeo & Parade	682-4388
3	Harlowtown	Rodeo/Sculpture Unveiling	632-5752
3-4	Roundup	Parade; Show; Fireworks	323-2762
3	Baker	State Heritage Day	778-3336
3	Sanders	Cent. Ball-Hysham School	342-5452
3-4	Harlowton	Western Celebration/ Rodeo	632-5752
3-9	Wibaux	Diamond Jubilee/Pageant/ Rodeo	795-2656
3	Butte	Church Concert & Fireworks	494-4688
4	E. Helena	Fun Day & Fireworks	443-4000
4	Virginia City	Celebration	843-5341
4	Culbertson	Park Dedication	787-5774
4	Lincoln	Celebration	362-4485
4	Glendive	Jaycee Parade; River Float	365-5601
4	Charlo	Parade	
4	Big Fork	Celebration	837-5888
4	Great Falls	Dedications Lewis/Clark Bronze	727-8314
4	Hardin	Celebration; Demo Derb;, Fireworks	665-1672
4	Miles City	75th Anniversary Cain Family Homesteading	232-3393
4	Helena	Statewide Capitol Mock Election Primary	449-4725
4	Terry	Centennial Rodeo	637-2177
4	Circle	Celebration, Fireworks, Watermelon Feed	485-2414
4	Great Falls	Fireworks	727-8314
4	Missoula	Fit for America's Day Runathon	251-3800
4	Butte	Parade; Picnic	782-1266
4	Lima	Parade; Antique Car Show, Picnic, Fireworks	276-3258
4	Chester	Minneota Celebration	292-3524
4	Libby	Libby Heritage Day	293-5426
4	Forsyth	Fireworks Celebration	356-2233
4	Helena	Old Time Fourth of July	442-4120
5-9	Red Lodge	Can-Can Revival, Red Lodge Grizzly Peak-A-Boos	448-1718
5	Havre	Clack Museum Cent. Lecture Series	265-9913
6	Libby	Deb Strohmyer "Going Home To MT"	293-4528
6-8/13-15	Great Falls	C.M. Russell Play	761-6700
6-8	Dillon	Law Enforcement Conference	683-5511
7-9	Dillon	Horse Show	683-5511
7-9	East Helena	Centennial Rodeo & Parade	476-3311
7-8	Virginia City	Square Dance Festival	843-5341
7-8	Butte	Vigilante Rodeo	494-4069

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[illegible]	Simms	89'ers Strike Again	264-5815
8	Wolf Point	10th Ann.l Human Stampede	653-1871
8	Drummond	Lower Valley Historical Soc.	288-3652
7-9	Polson	Rodeo; Parade	883-5969
7-9	Victor	Chief Victor Days	642-3751
7-9	Belgrade	Barne's Steam & Power Show	388-4433
7-9	Dutton	Fun Days, Parade Car Show, Carnival	476-3311
7-9	Wolf Point	Wild Horse Stampede	653-2012
8-9	Forsyth	Golf Tournament	356-2233
8	Monarch	Celebration	236-5352
8-9	Dillon	Arts Festival	683-5511
9	Havre	All Vets Day	265-4383
9	Butte	Square Dance Festival	723-8154
10	Great Falls	Youth Concert	761-6700
10-14	Dillon	Western MT Writers Conference	683-5511
10-21	Missoula	Bike; Big Sky Loop	721-1776
12-16	Billings	Trap Shoot	259-4537
13-15	Fairfield	Swim Day	467-2499
13-16	Havre	Flower Arrangement Exhibit	265-4383
14-15	Three Forks	Three Forks Rodeo	285-3751
14-16	Plentywood	Sitting Bull Wagon Train Rendezvous	765-1370
14-16	Malta	Celebration	654-1776
14	Wolf Point	Art Fair; Shakespeare in Park	653-2012
14-16	Fairview	Reunion & Festival	747-5474
14-16	Billings	Big Sky State Games	245-8106
14-16	Elmo	Standing Arrow Pow-Wow	
14	Circle	County Jamboree	485-2414
14-15	Powell	Old Car Days	846-3111
14-15	Circle	Rodeo	485-2414
14-16	Plentywood	Sitting Bull Rendezvous Days	765-1370
14-16	Bridger	Jim Bridger Days	662-3635
14	Havre	Jesuit Priest Symposium	265-4383
15	Deer Lodge	Old Car Days	846-1882
15	Darby	Celebrattion	821-3753
15	Townsend	Antique Car Show	266-3911
15	Three Forks	Rodeo	285-6857
15-16	St. Regis	All Class Reunion	649-2654
15-16	Lincoln	Flea Market & Bazaar	362-4485
15-16	Winnett	Reunion	429-2901
15	Polson	Grand Opening-Golf Course; Wine Festival	883-9454
15	Fairview	Old Timers Festival	747-5474
15	Malta	Ranch Roundup Rodeo	654-2577
15	Gardiner	School Reunion	848-7563
15	Missoula	Parade	543-6623
15	Alberton	Railroad Car Museum	722-4548
15	Dillon	Forest Retirees Reunion Picnic	683-5511
[illegible]5-16	Bannack	Gold Panning Championship; Bannack Days	683-5511
15-16	Ballantine	Homesteader Days	967-3395
15-16	Missoula	Art Show	543-6623
15-21	Bozeman	Centennial Trek in Cent. Mtns.	586-1593
15-16	Stanford	Street Dance/Rodeo	566-2272
15	Chester	Liberty County Photo Contest	292-3524
15-16	Helena	Central Montana Arabian Horse Show	227-8156
16	Malta	Church Celebration	654-2577
16-28	Butte	Art Exhibits	494-5595
16	Gardiner	Picnic	848-7563
16	Richey	Rodeo, Richey Senior Citizens	773-5694
16	Havre	"Sunday in the Park"	265-4383
18-23	Townsend	Wrestlemania Tournament	266-4274
19	Havre	Clack Museum Lecture Series	265-4383
20	Libby	Logger's Days Can-Can Performance	293-8721
20-22	Roundup	Tri County Fair	323-2762
20-21	Butte	Shakespeare in the Park	494-4069
21-30	Flathead Lake	Centennial Events	752-6166
21-22	Polson	Fiddlers Contest	883-9454
21-23	Red Lodge	Bear Creek All Class Reunion	446-2578
22-23	Three Forks	Lewis & Clark Pageant	285-3414
22	Great Falls	Fireworks Display	761-8816
22	Roundup	Sheep to Shawl Spinoff	323-2346
22	Clancy	Foot Race	444-4912
22	Kalispell	Sweet Adelines Concert	752-8821
22	Forsyth	River Duck Festival	356-2233
22-23	Butte	Gem Show	494-4069
22	Polson	Cherry Pit Spit	883-9454
22	Polson	Draft Horse & Milk Show	883-9454
22	Great Falls	Official Centennial Parade	761-6700
22	Fromberg	Cowboy-Cowgirl Reunion; Parade	668-7642
22-29	Great Falls	Centennial Focus Week	761-6700
22-29	Havre	Northern MT College Battlefield Tour	265-3700
22	Columbia Falls	Centennial Ball	892-2072
22	Great Falls	Malmstrom AFB Big Sky Day	761-6700
23-30	Billings	All School Reunion	259-9695
23	Rolling	Buffalo Feed BBQ	
23	Polson	Museum Centennial Day	883-9454
23-29	Helena	All Nations Cent. Pow-Wow	443-5350
23-29	Columbia Falls	Old Fashioned Campsite Revival	892-2409
24-29	Lewistown	Central Montana Fair	538-8841
24	Great Falls	Cascade Co. Variety Show	761-6700
24	Great Falls	Golden Slipper Performance, Seniors Dance Group	452-4120
24-25	Helena-Gt Falls	Good Sam RV Wagon Train	961-3171
24-29	Lewistown	Trade Show/Rodeo	538-5292
25	Great Falls	Sr. Citizens Celebration	727-7151
25	Great Falls	Old Time County Festival	761-6700
25	Great Falls	Old Time Fiddlers Festival	453-9438
26-30	Bozeman	Old Time County Fair	585-1405
26	Havre	Clack Museum Lecture Series	265-4383
27-28	Glendive	Historical Drama	365-5601

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27-30	Hardin	Youth Fair	665-1672
27-30	Columbia Falls	Cent. Heritage Days	892-2072
27-30	Helena	Last Chance Stampede & Fair	442-9810
28-30	Cut Bank	Festival	873-5566
28-30	Circle	H.S. Classes 68-70 Reunion	485-2414
28-30	East Glacier	Lewis & Clark Days, Cent. Events/Fashion Show	873-2121
29-30	Three Forks	Lewis & Clark Pageant	285-3414
29	Lincoln	Tug of War	362-4485
29	Ingomar	Rodeo	
29-30	Butte	Ethnic & Art Festival	494-4069
29	Polson	Jr. Horse Show	883-9454
29-30	Polson	Arts and Craft Show	883-9454
29-8-6	Great Falls	MT Cent. Derby Thoroughbred Horse Race	727-8900
29-30	Whitefish	Flathead Valley Festival of Arts "MT in Song and Story"	862-1780
29-30	Teton County	Teton County Celebration, Jaycees Art on the Green	466-5856
29-8-6	Great Falls	MT Cent. State Fair of Excitement	727-8900
29	Columbia Falls	Heritage Day Parade	892-2072
29-30	Philipsburg	Flint Creek Valley Days	859-3269
30-31	Roundup	Cutting Horse Finals	323-2762
30	Kalispell	Flathead Cent. Airshow, Thunderbirds	752-6166
30	Plentywood	Men's Golf Tournament	765-1370
30	Victor	Bitterroot Arts & Crafts Show	642-3172
30	Augusta	Old Timers Picnic, Parade/ Art Show/Picnic	562-9234
31	Polson	Pro-Am Golf Tournament	883-9454
31	Kalispell	Sweet Adelines at Conrad Mansion	752-6166

1889 SILVER DOLLAR

Pauline Remmich of Boulder was a most welcome visitor at the Centennial Office recently. She brought with her a 1889 silver dollar she has had for many years. It was in mint condition. The staff of the *Montana '89er* tried in vain to figure out a way to reproduce that dolla in this issue. How do you photograph a silver dollar?

Winners of the Helena VFW essay contest were honored in the rotunda of the Capitol on May 1. Leo Ellingson, Centennial Director, presented the awards to Michael Downs (left), fifth grader, Hawthorne School. His teacher is Mrs. Michelle Abbey. Second place went to E. Dawn Creach, fifth grader, Rossiter School. Her teacher is Mrs. Cynthia Jewell. Michael read his essay to the large crowd assembled for the presentations.

"HOW THE WEST WAS WAYWARD"

"How the West Was Wayward" will be presented by the Miles City Barn Players July 19-23 in Miles City. The Barn Players is a theatrical troupe which has written the play for the Montana Centennial. The play will use local talent of actors, singers, and dancers and all proceeds from the admission fee will be used to cover the costs of production and support the group's other productions.

The play is a humorous look at Milestown, 1889. The purpose of the play is to entertain the people of southeastern Montana, all other Montanans and anyone who happens to be in Miles City during the production dates, July 19-23. The play will be performed at the Custer County High School Auditorium in Miles City.

Being a light-hearted melodrama, "How the West Was Wayward" will not be entirely based on facts historical to Miles City or Montana's emergence as a state. It will, however, lightly touch facts surrounding Milestown's past, and provide an evening of great entertainment.

The Barn Players, Inc., which has been a part of Miles City's culture for nearly 40 years, has continually met the high standards of theatrical production it set for itself from the beginning. An accomplished troupe of amateur actors, costumers, set designers and most recently, playwrights, they have undertaken such theatrical giants as "Hello Dolly," "Camelot," and several other musical and non-musicals each year.

Cast Members of "How the West Was Wayward", left to right: Aggie Lemieux, Terry Sprague, Curt Hammond, John Halbert. back row: Jim Sprague and Heidi James.

IMPACT Kickoff: Improve Montana, Plant A Centennial Tree is a new Centennial project. The objective is to start a 10-year program to encourage the planting of trees in Montana. Each member of the Montana Legislature will be asked to plant a tree on the Capitol Complex to kickoff the program. Pictured above, left to right: Doug Giebel, Centennial Public Affairs Coordinator; Walter Anderson, Chairman of the Centennial Tree Project, and Leo Ellingson, Centennial Director.

Old West Comes Alive in Butte

by Rich Simpson
Butte Standard Staff Writer

Hillcrest Elementary School in Butte took on the look of yesteryear to celebrate Montana's Centennial anniversary.

Students arrived at school dressed as card dealers, cowboys, miners, frontier women, backwoodsmen, and Jeannette Rankin, on the 100th day of the state's centennial year, 1989, said organizer Ann Thomas, a first grade teacher. The Hillcrest faculty planned to exchange the students' usual routine of reading, writing and arithmetic for lessons in weaving, square dancing, muzzle loading and flint knapping, she said. Flint knapping does not involve abduction, it's how the Indians made arrowheads and other tools out of stone.

Some older students, like those in Allen Kohler's sixth-grade class, also used the celebration as an opportunity to study the state's history. Students dressed up as a Montana person they studied and then made a speech on that individ-

Extension Homemakers Support Centennial

Montana Extension Homemakers are proud of Montana's heritage and those values left to us by our forefathers and mothers one hundred years ago. They take to heart the words of famous western artist, Charles M. Russell who said, "to guard, protect and cherish our land, there's no afterlife for a place that started out as heaven."

Montana is the most northerly of the Rocky Mountain states, with a land area of 146,316 square miles and a water area of 822 square miles. About two-fifths of the state is mountainous and the remainder plains. Its population is 804,000 and in recent years has been called "The Big Sky Country" because of its huge expanse of sky.

With the Centennial in mind, Montana Extension Homemakers have planned to strengthen the ties of family, home and community. They will strive to promote Montana and its Centennial celebration. They look forward to creating a positive image of the Extension Homemaker programs throughout 1989.

Montana Extension Homemakers are in 289 clubs in 39 county councils with a membership of 4400.

During the latter half of 1988 a great rush of Centennial Homemaker activities began and have continued through in 1989. One of these was a project by State Citizenship Chairman, Margaret Fox of Laurel. Margaret's project was the "Buy a Book of Montana for Your Local School, Town or City Library." Other counties were encouraged to participate. Twenty-six counties have had 52 books donated with an estimated value of $1100.

The first grade class of Ennis Elementary School sang several selections at the 103rd birthday party for Century Citizen, Madge Low. The class is taught by Deanna Warwick.

MEET THE STAFF

Lt. Governor and His Staff:

Lt. Governor Allen Kolstad is also the chairman of the Montana Statehood Centennial. Kolstad is the third chairman, following Lt. Gov. W. Gordon McOmber and George Turman. Kolstad regards the Centennial as a golden opportunity to send a positive image nationwide, to gain international attention, and to increase awareness of our history at every level.

John Kinna is the Executive Assistant to the Lt. Governor. He was Superintendent of Schools at Fairfield for many years, and has retired after 31 years in education. He is a fourth generation Montanan. His great grandfather was the first mayor of Helena.

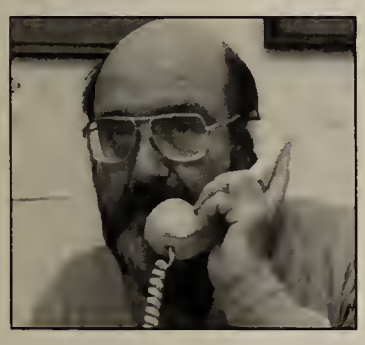
Denise Thompson is the Executive Secretary/ Office Manager in the Lieutenant Governor's Office. Denise performs administrative duties for the Lieutenant Governor and the Centennial Office including: scheduling, purchasing, correspondence, and clerical functions.

Centennial Staff:

Leo D. Ellingson is the Director of the Centennial Statehood Office. He was raised in the Glasgow area. He formerly served as National Director of United Way Relations for USO in New York City, and as Regional Executive for the USO in Europe, Puerto Rico, Alaska and a majority of the United States.

Irvin Hutchison is the new editor of the *Montana '89er*. He was a newspaper publisher in Chester for 40 years, and past president of Montana Press Association. He has coordinated Lay Witness Missions in many churches of various denominations across Montana.

Brian Patrick is Field Operations Manager for the Centennial, besides working with sanctioning and grants. He will be traveling the state assisting folks with organizing and sanctioning events. Patrick worked as a writer and public information officer for the Michigan Sesquicentennial from 1987 to 1988.



Doug Giebel, originally from Big Sandy, is **Centennial Public Affairs Coordinator.** He is in charge of new products and events brochures and is arranging a Centennial picnic in New York City's Central Park.

Judy Rolfe joined the Centennial staff in January, coming to Helena with her husband Tom and their three children from Bozeman. She is a native of Butte and has been active in civic, political and Centennial activities in her former home.

Carolyn A. Linden, Sanctioning Secretary. Carolyn has lived in Montana for 25 years. Before coming to the Centennial Office, she spent 22 years in private business in a variety of positions. She hopes to graduate from Carroll College soon, with a degree in Business Administration

Jeanne C. Amsberry, Acres and Deeds Secretary. Jeanne is a longtime political worker, having started just out of high school. She recently returned to Helena from Washington, D.C.

Susan Worl, Commission Secretary. Susan is responsible for budget/finance in the Centennial offices as well as Commission administration duties. Susan and her family moved to Helena from Shelby two years ago.

Mark Copenhaver is the newly appointed **Centennial Float Coordinator.** He is a 1987 graduate of Western Montana College, and has taught social studies at Geyser High School for the past two years.

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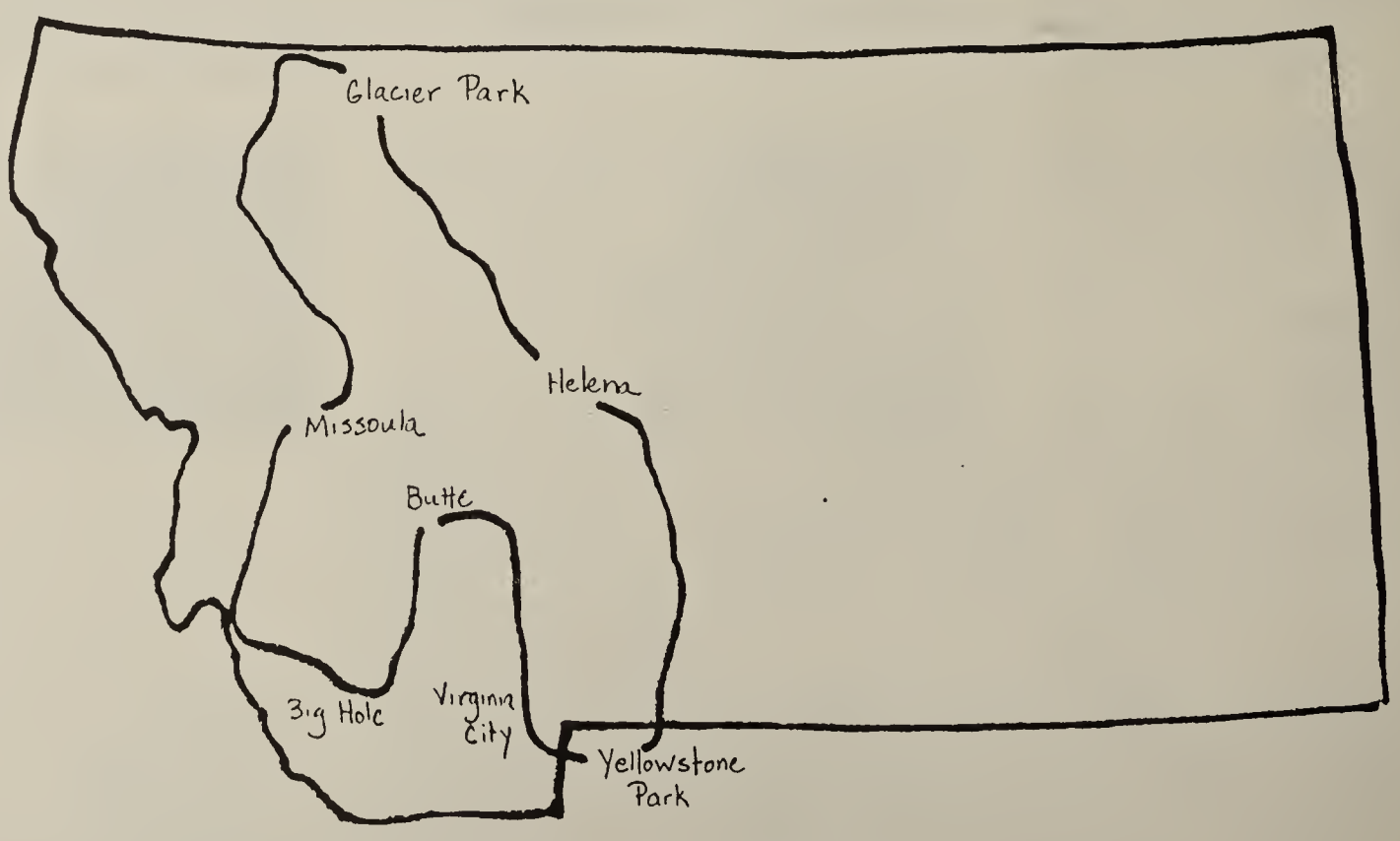
Centennial License Plates

Montana Centennial License Plates are available at the office of the county treasurer in each of the 56 Montana counties. People who have already purchased their regular 1989 license plates can still get their Centennial plates. The cost is $19.89, plus a $3 handling charge.



1,000 MILE BIKE RIDE

A 1,000 mile Centennial bike ride is underway through western Montana and west central Montana. Mileage is usually forty to fifty miles per day. The objective is to see Montana from a historical and recreational perspective. The dates are June 12 to July 8, and the route is shown on the map.

Call Montana Centennial Cyclists
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